

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL POLICY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently finalized a National Pharmaceutical Policy;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the policy has been approved by the Cabinet; and;
- (d) if so, the time frame by which the policy is likely to come into effect?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (d): The Cabinet considered the draft National Pharmaceutical Policy-2006 in its meeting held on 11-1-2007. It was decided that the matter may, in the first instance, be considered by a Group of Ministers (GOM). GOM has since been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution. GOM has held three meetings so far on 10-4-2007, 12-9-2007 and 30-1-2008. GOM is yet to make its recommendations to the Cabinet.